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Ch 6 Applying Newton's Laws of Motion

Just More cases

6.1) Solving Problems (Not an ordered list)

1) - Apply $\underline{F} = ma$ to all objects needed in your system and to whatever directions needed

What we did for Atwood's machine in chapt. 5

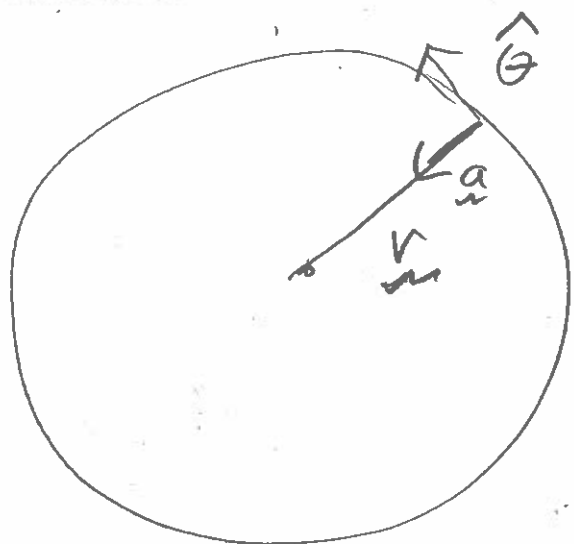
- Apply constraints
- ~~exploit~~ exploit symmetries
- draw free body diagrams
- Solve for accelerations and/or forces
- use accelerations to calculate kinematics if asked

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6.3) Centripetal Force

A bit
of
recapitulation



From kinematics
if you have
uniform circular
Motion

$$\underline{a} = -\omega^2 r \hat{r}$$

$$- \omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \dot{\theta}$$

is angular velocity

- r is radius

- $\hat{r}$ is radial unit vector

- ω and r are constants

— $\hat{r}$ is always changing direction

— a is constant, but $\underline{a}$
is always changing direction.
It points to the center.

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So

$\underline{a}$ is the centripetal acceleration {center point}

$a = \omega r^2$ is its magnitude

But

$\underline{v} = \omega r \hat{\theta}$ {unit tangential to circle and point counterclockwise by convention}

$$v = \omega r$$

$$\therefore \underline{a} = \frac{v^2}{r} (-\hat{r}), \quad a = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

This is just from kinematics.

But Newton's 2nd law tell us an acceleration (relative to an inertial frame and any frame is an inertial frame if you set it up that way)

If there is a centripetal there is a centripetal force

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$$F_{\text{centripetal}} = m a_{\text{center of mass}}$$

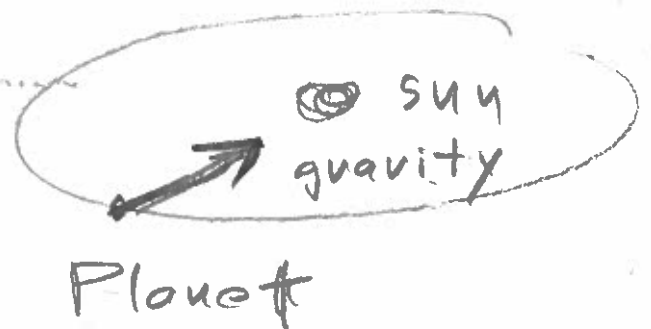
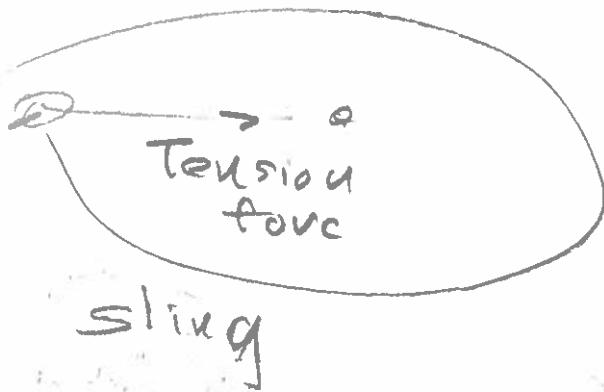
net force on object

$$= m \frac{v^2}{r} (-\hat{r})$$

$$= -\frac{mv^2}{r} \hat{r}$$

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} \text{ magnitude}$$

The Centripetal Force
is a force named
for what it does
not for its intrinsic
Nature



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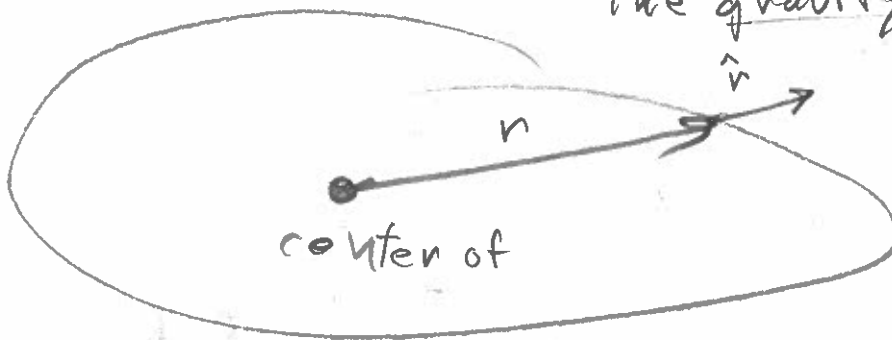
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By the way any

force points radially (positively or negatively) from a source of force and whose magnitude only depends on distance from the source is called a central force.

As a formula $\vec{F}_{\text{central}} = f(r) \hat{r}$

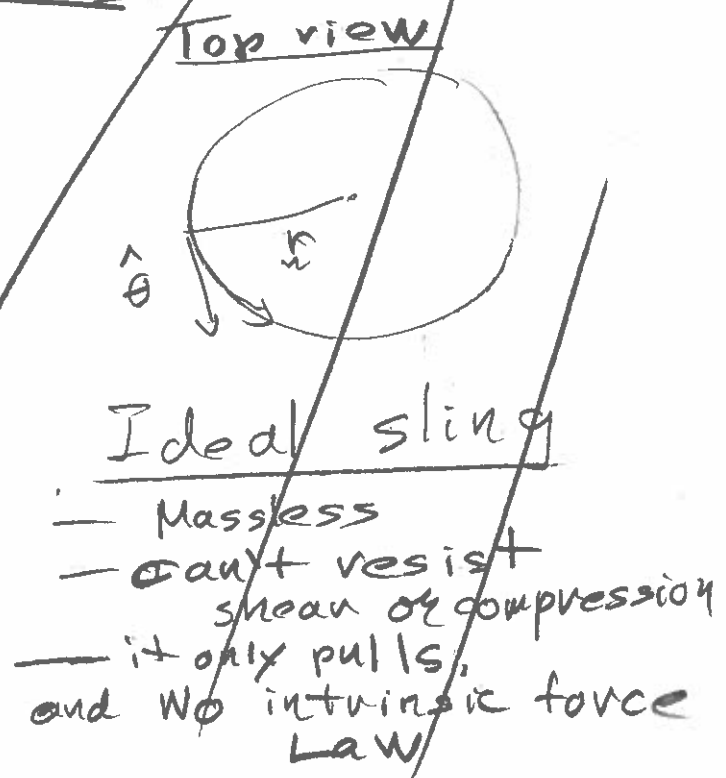
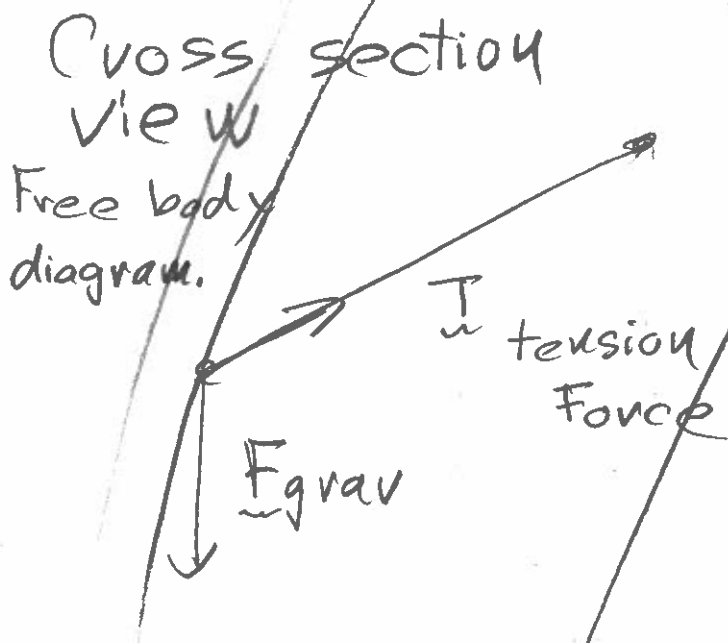
The gravity of stars and planets are prime examples of central forces.



If could push or pull

Example Sling

No air drag



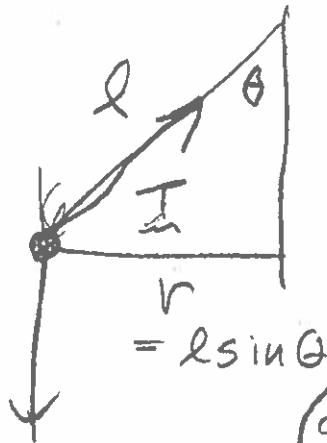
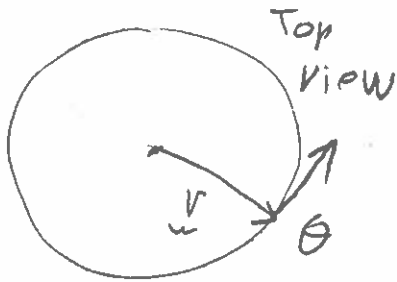
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Perpetual motion.
No friction or drag
as an dissipation in general.

Example Conical Pendulum

With Sling: Ideal point mass bob; Ideal rope



- Massless,
- Infinitely thin
- No air drag
- can only exert tension force and only when T_{tut}
- The tension force is constant along length

An ordinary swinger directly control parameters

m, l , and crudely period p .

Must solve for θ, T, r, N

Horizontal

$$ma = \frac{mv^2}{r} = T \sin \theta \quad \text{②}$$

$$N = \frac{2\pi r}{p}$$

Newton's 2nd law always work and it always work component by component

$$\text{Vertical} \quad T \cos \theta = mg$$

Tension component cancels gravity

a) Find θ , ②/①

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{rg}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{v^2}{rg} \right)$$

But we still v and N

Tension component supplies centripetal force

argument is ratio of centripetal acceleration to gravity

$$c) \tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{rg} = \frac{(2\pi)^2 r^2}{r g p^2} = \frac{(2\pi)^2 l \sin \theta}{g p^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{(2\pi)^2 l}{g p^2}$$

$$1) T = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} = mg \frac{(2\pi)^2 l}{g p^2}$$

$$T = m (2\pi)^2 l / p^2$$

$$[m l / p^2] = M L / T^2 \text{ dimensionally correct}$$

$$2) r = l \sin \theta = l \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$r = l \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{g p^2}{(2\pi)^2 l} \right)^2}$$

As $p \rightarrow 0$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

But as $p \uparrow$, there is an upper limit when $\theta = 0$

$$1 = \frac{g p^2}{(2\pi)^2 l}$$

$$p_{\text{limit}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Example demonstration
 $l = 0.5m, p = 1s \Rightarrow \theta \approx 60^\circ$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{g p^2}{(2\pi)^2 l} \right]$$

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$$f) \underline{N} = \frac{2\pi r}{P} = \frac{2\pi l}{P} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{g P^2}{(2\pi)^2 l}\right)^2}$$

∴ Now we have θ, T, r, N all in terms of control parameter

It may seem odd that P has upper limit $P = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ but note

$$P = \frac{2\pi r}{N}$$

and as $r \rightarrow 0$ and $N \rightarrow 0$ the period has three options

for it limit $P_{\text{limit}} = \begin{cases} \infty \\ \text{finite} \\ 0 \end{cases}$. It chooses the middle door

omit in class

Why is $P_{\text{limit}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} = P_{\text{simple pendulum}}?$

Consider when $\theta \ll 1$.

The centripetal force in this case is $F_c = T \sin \theta \approx T \frac{r}{l}$
This is a linear central force.
Linear in θ .

Under a linear central force, it can be shown that an object moving in a plane has solution

$$\underline{r} = (r_{\text{max}} \cos \omega t, r_{\text{min}} \sin \omega t) \quad (\text{cosmol. notes 3053-3055})$$

where $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{mg/l}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$ independent of r_{max} and r_{min} .
It's a unique frequency.

$$\therefore \text{Unique period } P_{\text{unique}} = f^{-1} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

for shape of swing for a small angle.
The shape ranges from circle to line

This is the period of a simple oscillating pendulum for



Amplitude $\ll 1 \text{ rad}$.

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6.4 Drag & Terminal Speed

(Terminal Velocity)

Like many people
I tend to use
'velocity' as a
synonym for
speed as
well as for
velocity

a) Drag Equation (Wik)

$$F_d = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 C A$$

density
of fluid

relative
flow
velocity

Derived first by
Lord Rayleigh
in 19th
century

Not an exact
law of nature
but exact
for idealized
assumptions

drag coefficient
dimensionless
and often
of order ≈ 1

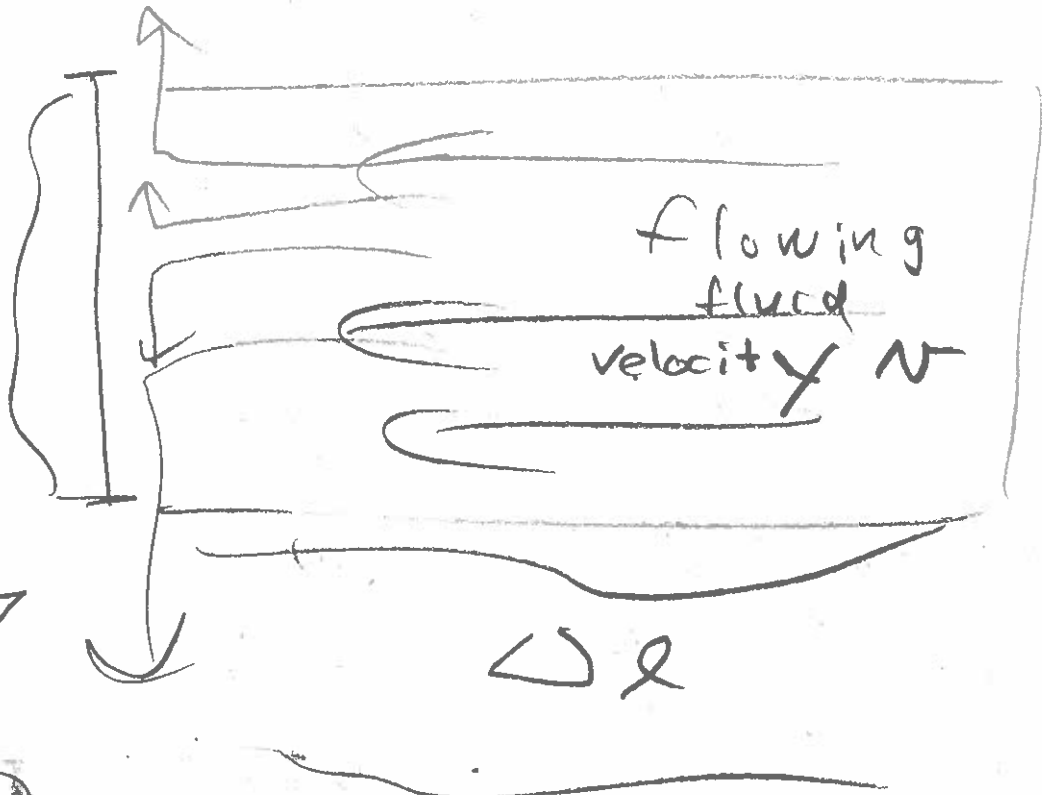
This can be
estimated,
but often
just
measured

Cross section
area
facing
fluid

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Area
A
of a
stopping
surface



fluid
can't
penetrate
and so
must
flow
off direction
of main flow

Momentum in
volume $A \Delta x$

is

$$\rho \underbrace{v}_{\text{fluid velocity}} \underbrace{A \Delta x}_{\text{fluid mass}}$$

We
investigate
conservation
of
momentum
later

Fluid momentum
goes to zero and to be
conserved is transferred
to stopping
surface

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From time zero to Δt
all momentum in volume
is transferred to
stopping area

in momentum transfer of momentum to surface which is a force

$$\left(\frac{dP}{dt} \right)_{\text{fluid to surface}} = \frac{A \Delta \rho P V}{\Delta t} \quad \text{but} \quad \frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta t} = V$$
$$= A P V^2$$

A
rag
force

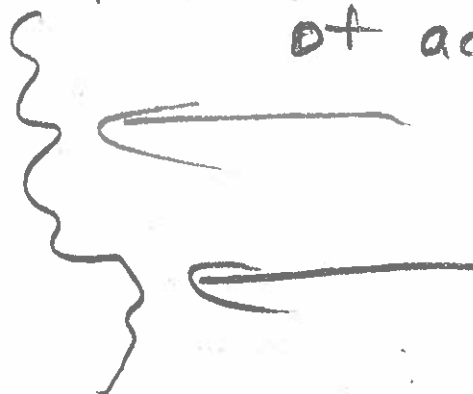
But our calculation ignores

— fluid viscosity

— turbulence

— flow around edges
of stopping surface

— complicated shape
of actual
surfaces



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So a fudge factor
 $\frac{1}{2} C$ is introduced

$$F_{\text{drag}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 C A = b v^2$$

$b \equiv \frac{1}{2} \rho C A$

The $\frac{1}{2}$ is introduced
so that we have

$\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2$ is the
kinetic energy
per
unit volume
of fluid
- relative
to
stopping
surface

A useful
quantity
to
know

b) Solution and Terminal
of an object
falling under gravity
With Drag Equation Drag

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$$F_{\text{drag}} = -\frac{1}{2} \rho N^2 C A = -b v^2$$

$$F_{\text{grav}} = mg$$

We take
down as
positive

Apply 2nd Law

$$ma = F_{\text{net}} = mg - b v^2$$

$$a = g - \frac{b}{m} v^2$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{b}{m} v^2 = g \left[1 - \left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{\frac{mg}{b}}} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$v_{\text{ter}} = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{b}}$$

$$v < v_{\text{ter}}, a > 0$$

$$v = v_{\text{ter}}, a = 0$$

$$v > v_{\text{ter}}, a < 0$$

A differential equation (DE) for - 1st order DE since only a 1st order derivative occurs

— Non-linear since v is squared

But it can be solved exactly

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$$\frac{dv}{g - \frac{b}{m} v^2} = dt$$

Let $\alpha^2 = g$

Let $z = \sqrt{\frac{b}{m}} v$

$dz = \sqrt{\frac{b}{m}} dv$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{b}{m}}} \frac{dz}{\alpha^2 - z^2} = dt$$

↓ Table integral

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{b}{m}}} \frac{1}{\alpha} \operatorname{artanh}\left(\frac{z}{\alpha}\right) = t$$

$$z = \alpha \tanh\left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{m}} \alpha t\right)$$

$$v = \frac{g}{\sqrt{b/m}} \tanh\left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{m}} \alpha t\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{mg}{\frac{1}{2}cPA}} \tanh\left[\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}cPA}{m}} t\right]$$

Dimensional analysis

$$\left[\sqrt{\frac{mg}{\frac{1}{2}cPA}}\right] = \left[\sqrt{\frac{ML/T^2}{M/L^2}}\right]$$

$$= \left[\sqrt{L^2/T^2}\right]$$

$$= L/T$$

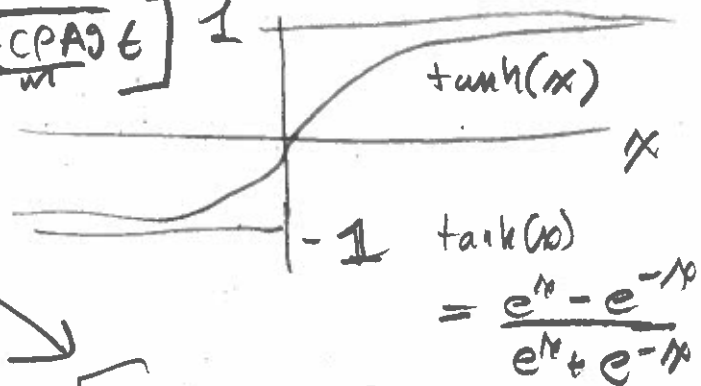
correct

$$\left[\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}cPA}{m}}\right]$$

$$= \left[\sqrt{\frac{(M/L^3) L^2 L/T^2}{M}}\right]$$

$$= \left[\sqrt{\frac{1}{T^2}}\right] = \frac{1}{T}$$

correct,



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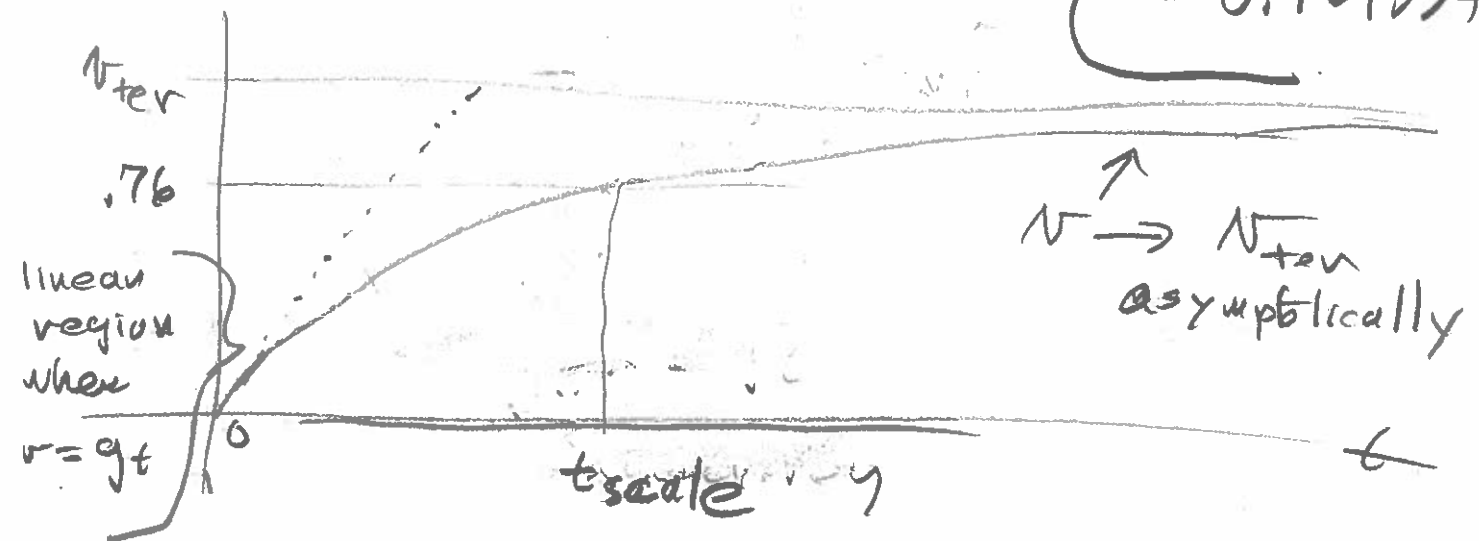
$$N_{\text{term}} = \sqrt{\frac{m g}{\frac{1}{2} C P A}}$$

$$t_{\text{scale}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{\frac{1}{2} C P A g}}$$

$$\tanh\left(\frac{t_{\text{scale}}}{t_{\text{scale}}}\right)$$

$$= \tanh(1)$$

$$= 0.761594, \dots$$



Ideally N_{term} is only reached as $t \rightarrow \infty$

but once N is very close to N_{term} fluid fluctuations will cause it to fluctuate around N_{term} .

$$a = g - \frac{b}{m} v^2 \begin{cases} v < N_{\text{term}}, a > 0 \\ v = N_{\text{term}}, a = 0 \\ v > N_{\text{term}}, a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= g \left[1 - \left(\frac{N}{\sqrt{\frac{m g}{\frac{1}{2} C P A}}} \right)^2 \right]$$

slow down in this case

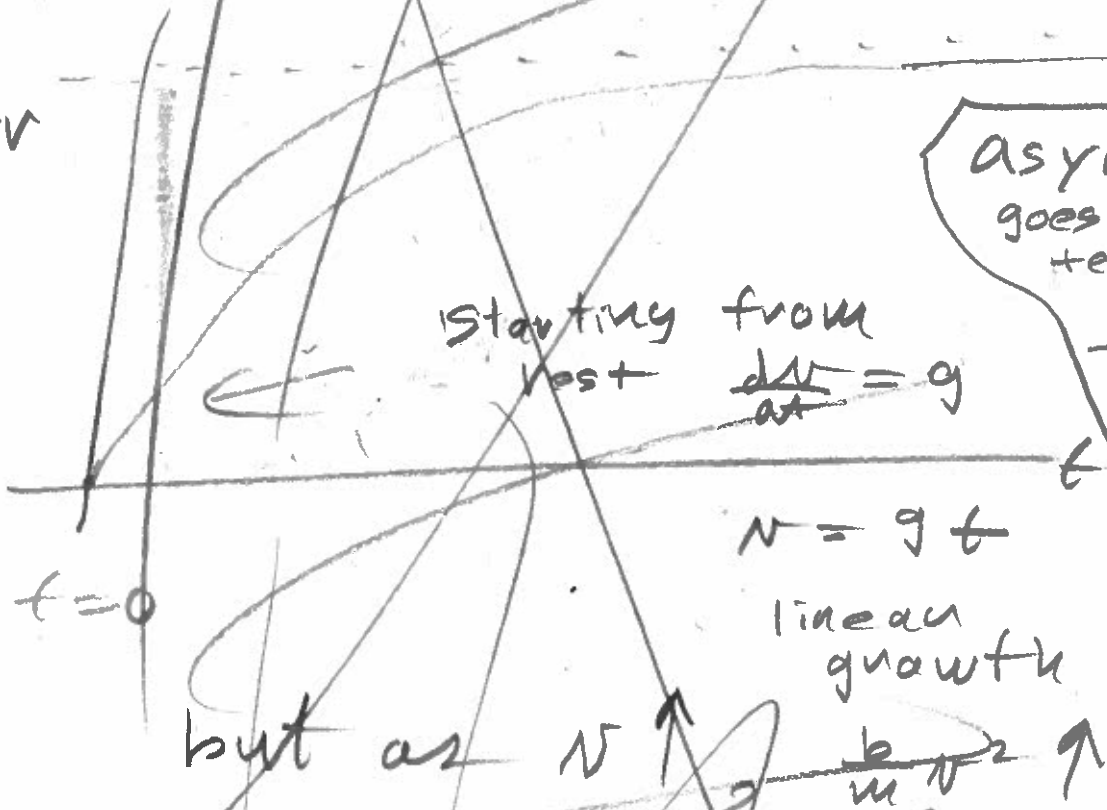
Note you can solve for N_{term} without solving the DE. Just set $a = 0$

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This ~~innocent~~ little DE
has ~~no~~ exact solution
like so many non-linear DEs.
But ~~we~~ can investigate how
 ~~$v(t)$~~ evolves

v_{ter}



Starting from rest $\frac{dv}{dt} = g$

Asymptotical
goes to
terminal
velocity
- a 1st
Order
behavior
we
will
NOT
prove
here

$$v = gt$$

linear
growth

but as $v \uparrow$ $\frac{k}{m}v^2 \uparrow$

and eventually the
two forces cancel

$$0 = \frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{k}{m}v^2$$

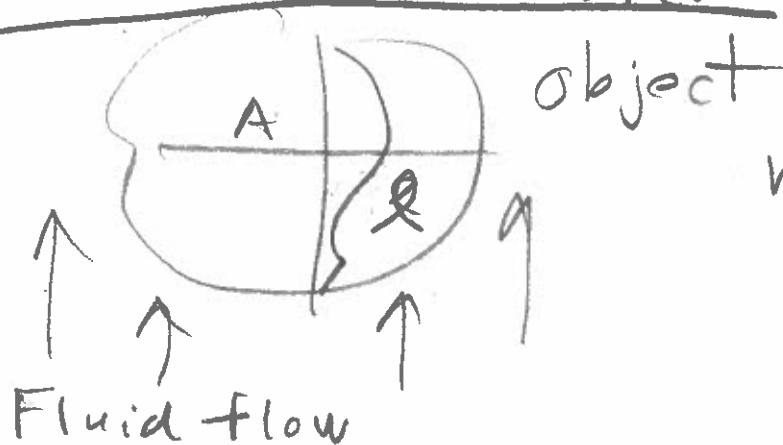
$$v_{\text{ter}} = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}}$$

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$$N_{ter} = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{\frac{1}{2} \rho C A}}$$

Let's analyze N_{ter}



$$m = \rho_{ob} V$$

$$= \rho_{ob} A l$$

length
scale
of object.

$$N_{ter} = \sqrt{l} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{ob}}{\rho}} \sqrt{\frac{2g}{C}}$$

$$= \sqrt{l} \sqrt{\frac{1000 (\rho_{ob}/\rho_{water})}{1.2 (\rho/\rho_{air})}} \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 10}{C}}$$

↑
fruducial values

$$= \sqrt{\frac{l}{C}} \underbrace{1.3 \cdot 10^2}_{(130 \text{ m/s})} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{ob}/\rho_{water}}{\rho/\rho_{air}}}$$

$$130 \text{ m/s} * \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}}\right) * \left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}}\right) \approx 500 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

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$$N_{\text{ter}} \approx (500 \text{ km/h}) \sqrt{\frac{l}{C}} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{\text{ob}}/\rho_{\text{water}}}{\rho/\rho_{\text{air}}}}$$

Let's consider a sky diver $G=1$

$C \approx 1$ if horizontal

$C = 0.7$
if diving



$$l = 0.2 \text{ m}$$



$$l = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$N_{\text{ter}} = 500 \cdot 0.4 \\ = 200 \text{ km/h}$$

Wik says
 $\sim 200 \text{ km/h}$
and so not bad
bad

But
Google
AI
give
 $300 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{h}} (1.6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{mi}})$
 $= 500 \text{ km/h}$
as
highish
limit

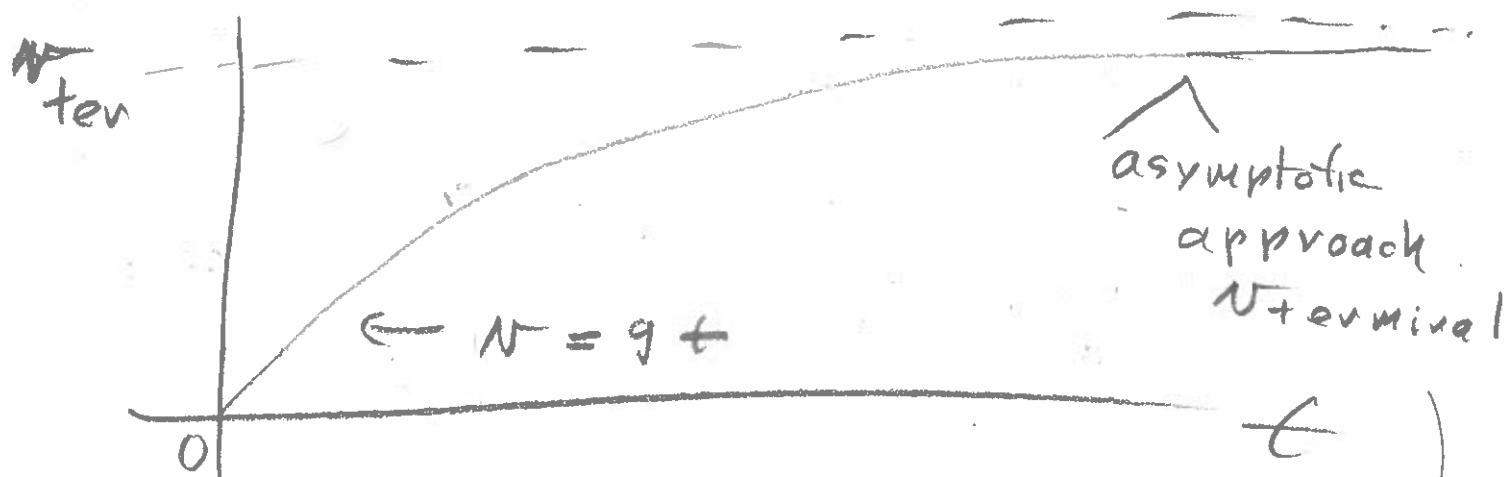
$$N_{\text{ter}} = 500 \cdot 1.7 \\ = 800 \text{ km/h}$$

Ling 292
says
 350 km/h
- so bad
over
estimate

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Remember my curve



To recapitulate

→ The DE formally dictates that terminal velocity is only reached at $t = \infty$

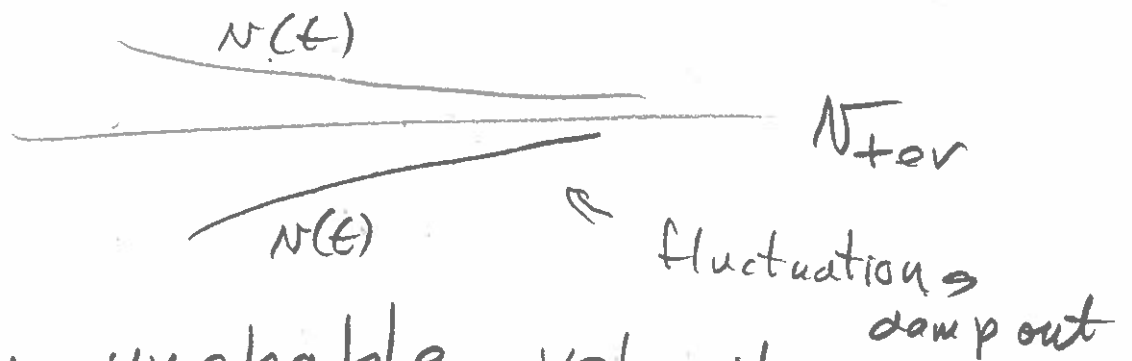
But in fact eventually fluid perturbations will cause $v(t)$ to fluctuate about v_{terminal} but always being driven back to it

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = mg - \frac{b}{m} v^2 \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } v < v_{\text{terminal}} \\ < 0 & \text{if } v > v_{\text{terminal}} \end{cases}$$

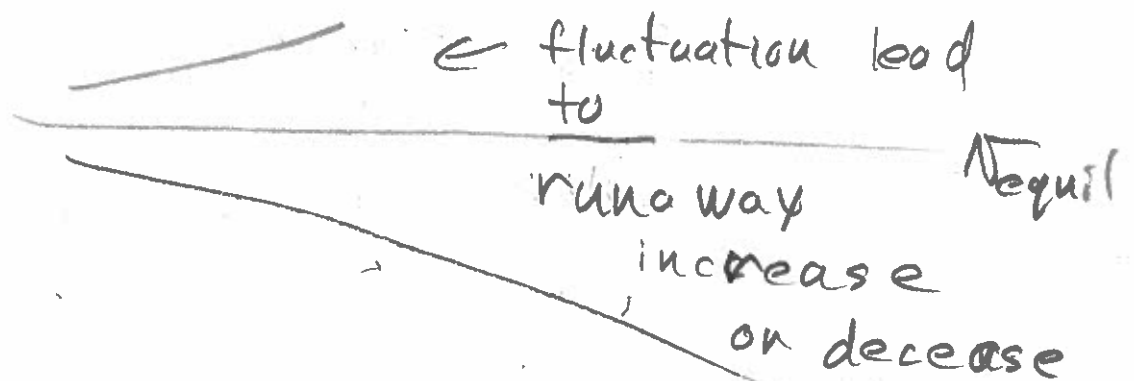
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So V_{terminal} is a stable velocity equilibrium



An unstable velocity equilibrium



The drag equation

is valid (insofar as it is)

for lumpy objects at high relative fluid velocity V and low viscosity μ

ie., high Reynolds Number $= Re = \frac{V L}{\nu}$ $\leftarrow$ length scale of object

$\gg 1$ $\leftarrow$ kinematic viscosity ν

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The other extreme case
is low Reynolds number

$$= \frac{v l}{\nu} \ll 1$$

In this case there
is Stokes Drag

b) Stokes Drag

$$F_{\text{stokes}} = 6\pi r \eta v$$

radius of a sphere dynamic viscosity flow velocity

$$= 6\pi r^2 \rho v$$

$$F_{\text{stokes}} \propto v$$

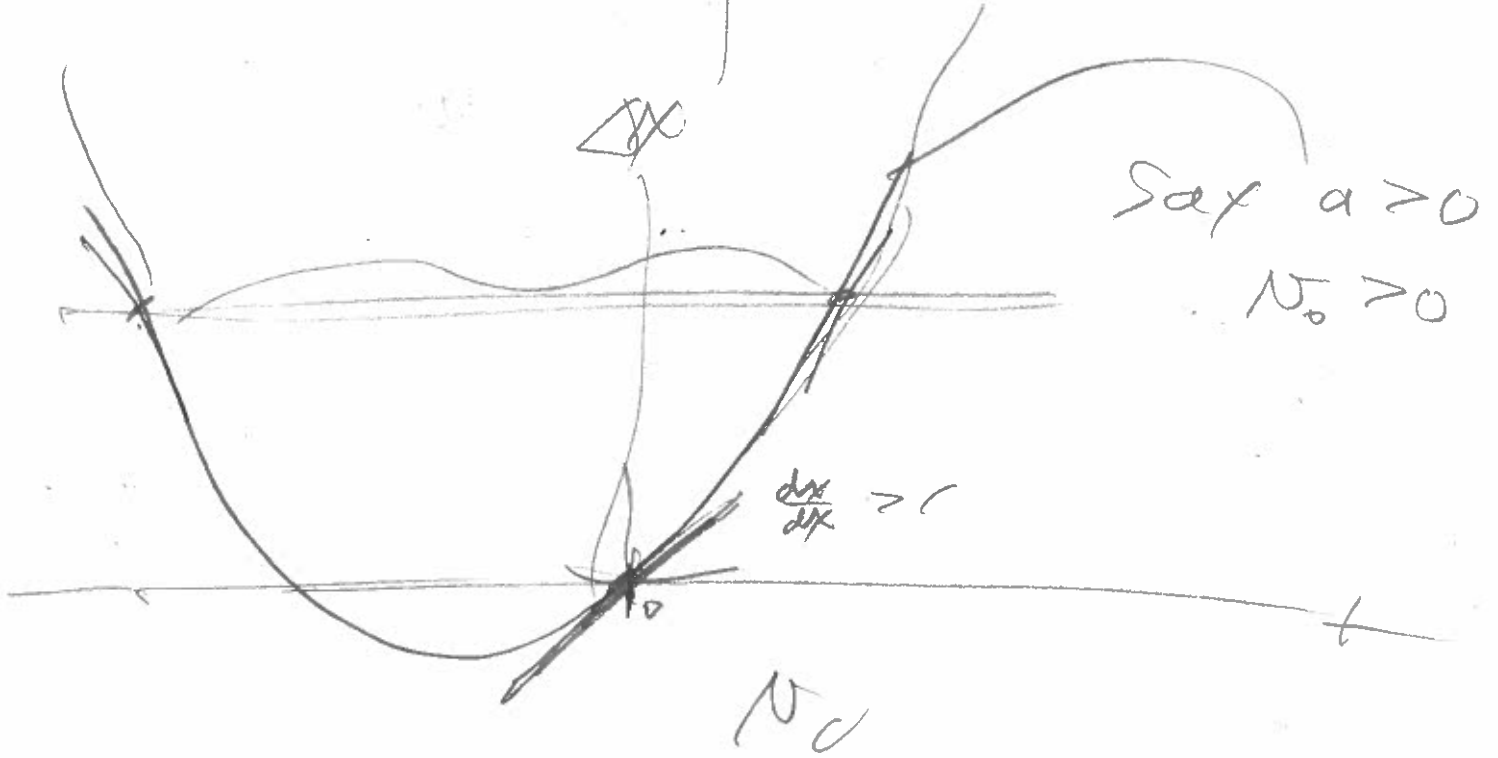
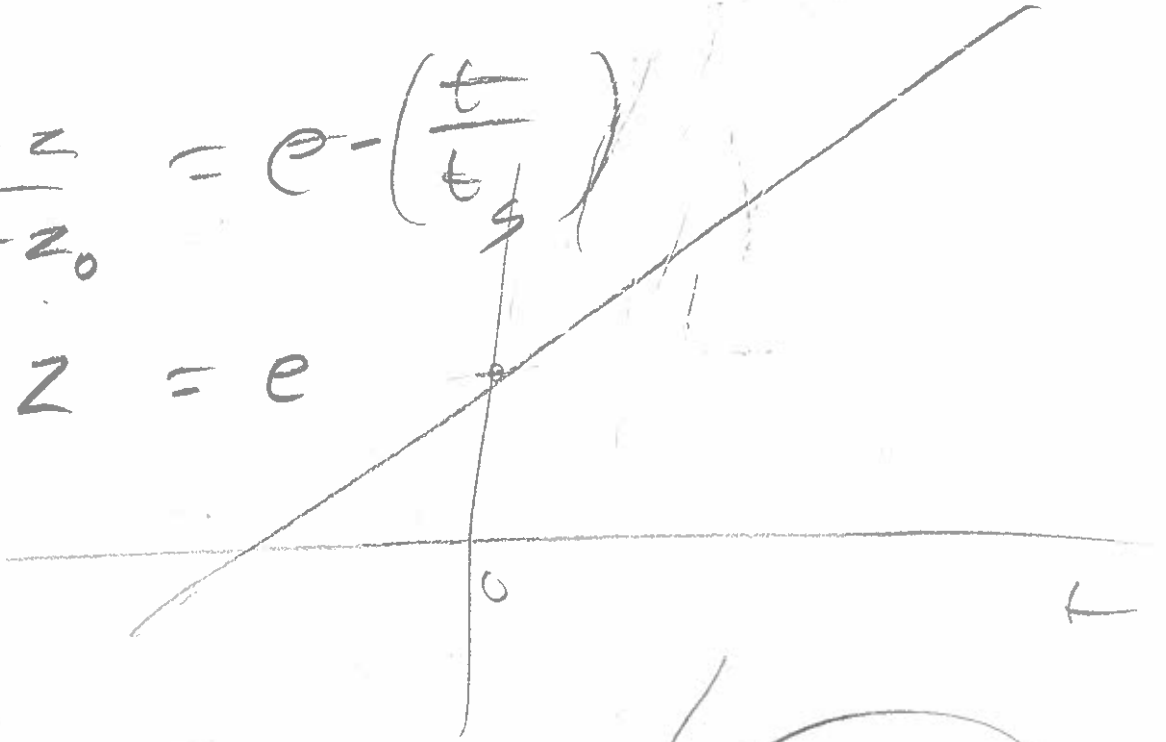
Not $b v^2$

$\therefore m a = F_{\text{net}} = m g - b v$
for an object falling in this
case, then

	3	3 GRD	UGRD
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	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	1	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	UGRD
	3	3 GRD	GRAD
	3	3 GRD	GRAD
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	3	3 GRD	GRAD
	3	3 GRD	GRAD
	1	6 GRD	GRAD
	1	1 GRD	GRAD

$$\frac{1-z}{1-z_0} = e^{-\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)}$$

$$1-z = e$$



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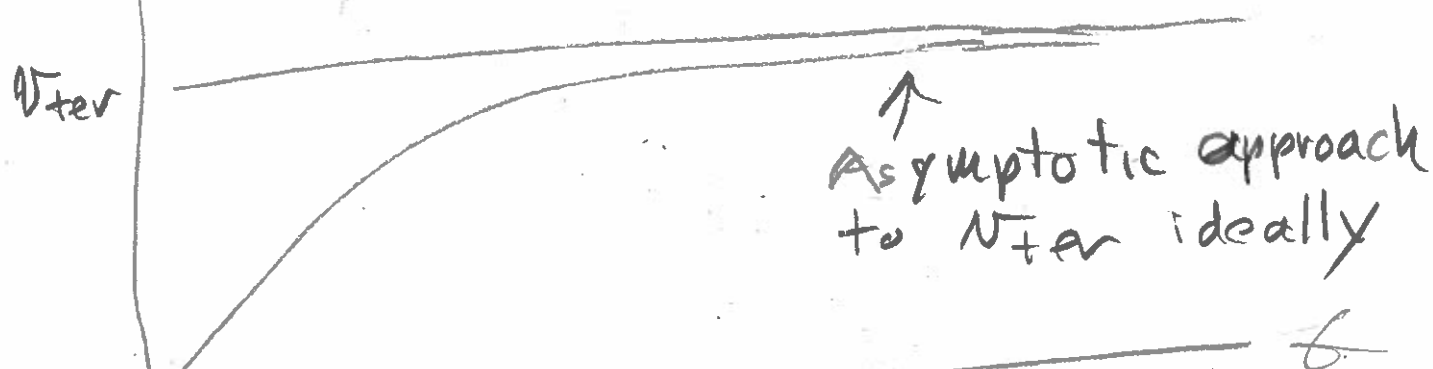
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$$\frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{b}{m} v = g \left[1 - \left(\frac{v}{v_{ter}} \right) \right]$$

is our 1st order differential equation

$$v_{ter} = \frac{mg}{b} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v > v_{ter}, a > 0 \\ v = v_{ter}, a = 0 \\ v < v_{ter}, a < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Anticipate



linear region

$$v = v_{ter}$$

But actually

again, medium perturbations cause v to fluctuate around v_{ter} which is a stable velocity equilibrium.

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An easy differentiation (DE)
to solve:

1st order and linear

$$\frac{dN}{g \left[1 - \left(\frac{N}{N_{\text{ten}}} \right) \right]} = dt$$
$$\frac{N_{\text{ten}}}{g} \frac{dz}{1-z} = dt \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } z = \frac{N}{N_{\text{ten}}} \\ dz = \frac{dN}{N_{\text{ten}}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{N_{\text{ten}}}{g} \left[-\ln(1-z) \right] \Big|_{z_0=0}^z = t$$

$$\ln(1-z) = -\frac{t}{t_{\text{scale}}}$$

$$1-z = e^{-t/t_{\text{scale}}}$$

$$z = 1 - e^{-t/t_{\text{scale}}}$$

$$N = N_{\text{ten}} (1 - e^{-t/t_{\text{scale}}})$$

$$t_{\text{scale}} = \frac{N_{\text{ten}}}{g}$$

$$[t_{\text{scale}}]$$

$$= \frac{L/\tau}{L/\tau^2}$$

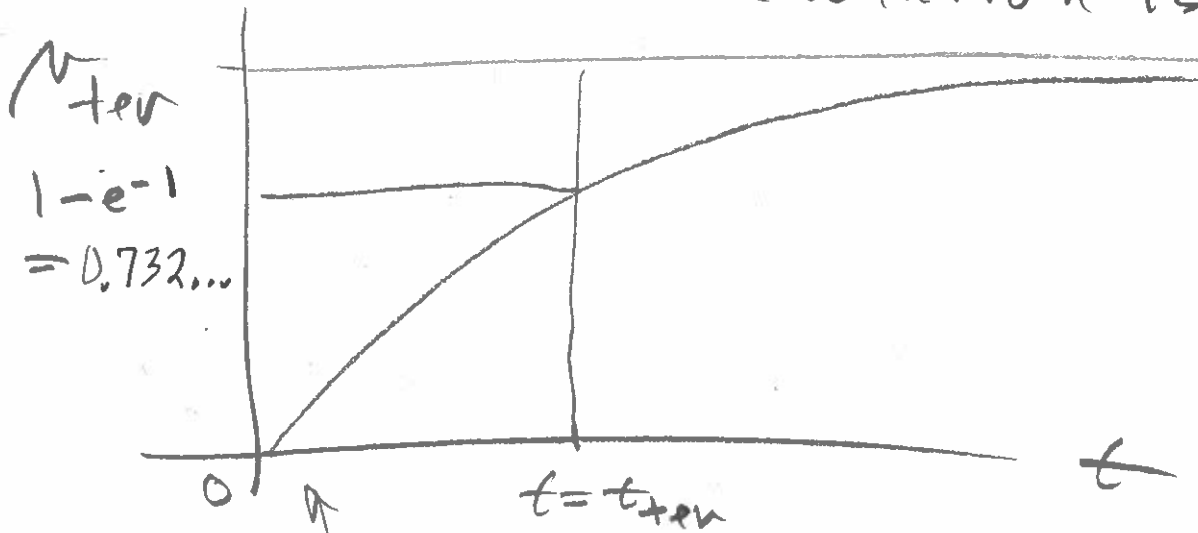
$$= T$$

dimensional analysis)

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As anticipated the velocity evolution is



linear region

$$N = N_{\text{ter}} \frac{t}{t_{\text{scale}}}$$

The simple theory
Amontons Laws (Wik)
Guillaume Amontons
1663 - 1705
discovered effectively

6.2) Friction

For interface of two dry surfaces

It is a force of resistance parallel to the surface

which are smooth at the macroscopic scale.

The Normal Force recall is perpendicular (i.e., normal) to surfaces.

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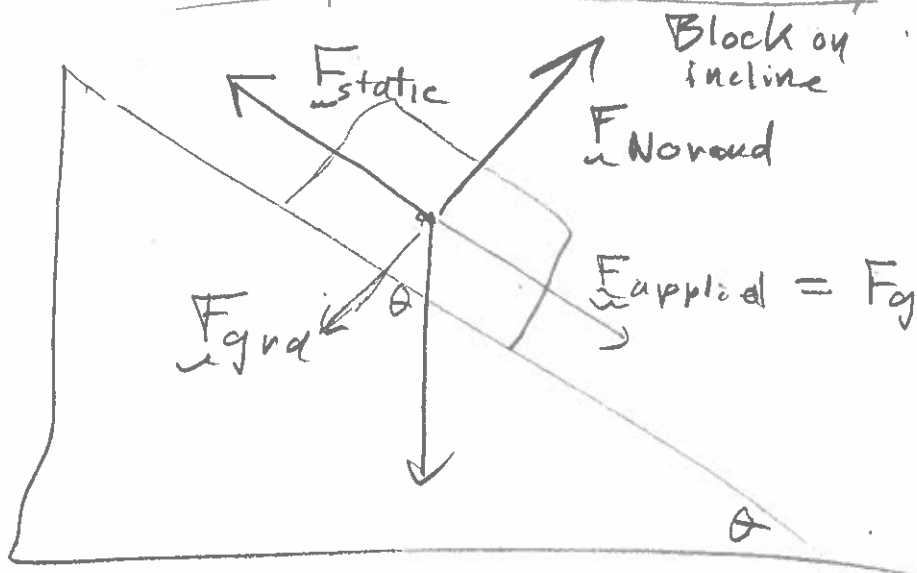
Static Friction between
surface at rest
with respect to
each other

$$F_{\text{static}} = -F_{\text{applied force parallel to surface}}$$

but $F_{\text{static}} + F_{\text{applied}} = 0$ and there is no acceleration from rest,

$$F_{\text{static}} = \text{Min} [F_{\text{applied}}, \mu_s F_N]$$

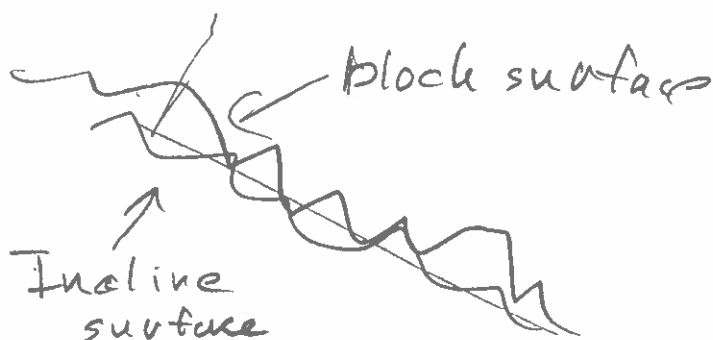
example to clarify



μ_s dimensionless
coefficient of
static friction

component
gravity
downhill.

Gravity is
long range
and pulls atoms
by atoms but
internal forces
communicate the
gravity to actual
surface to oppose
friction.



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— microscopically friction
and applied force
are partially just microscopic
normal forces
and partially
chemical bonding which can be very strong
sometimes



[cold welding happens
between very clean
(Not oxidized) metal surfaces
- of same metal are brought
in contact.
The atoms have no way to
know they belong to different
pieces of metal]

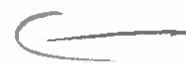
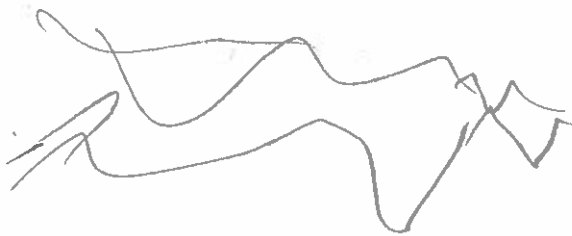
But if $F_{\text{applied}} \geq \mu_s F_{\text{Normal}}$
the Friction forces break
and the block slides

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Why is F_{Normal} the determining factor and not contact area?

Microscopically contact area is key



Microscopic contact area is much smaller than macroscopic contact area

It turns out

$F_{\text{friction}} \propto A_{\text{contact Microscopic}}$

$\propto F_{\text{Normal}}$ which is pressing the surface together.

Kinetic Friction

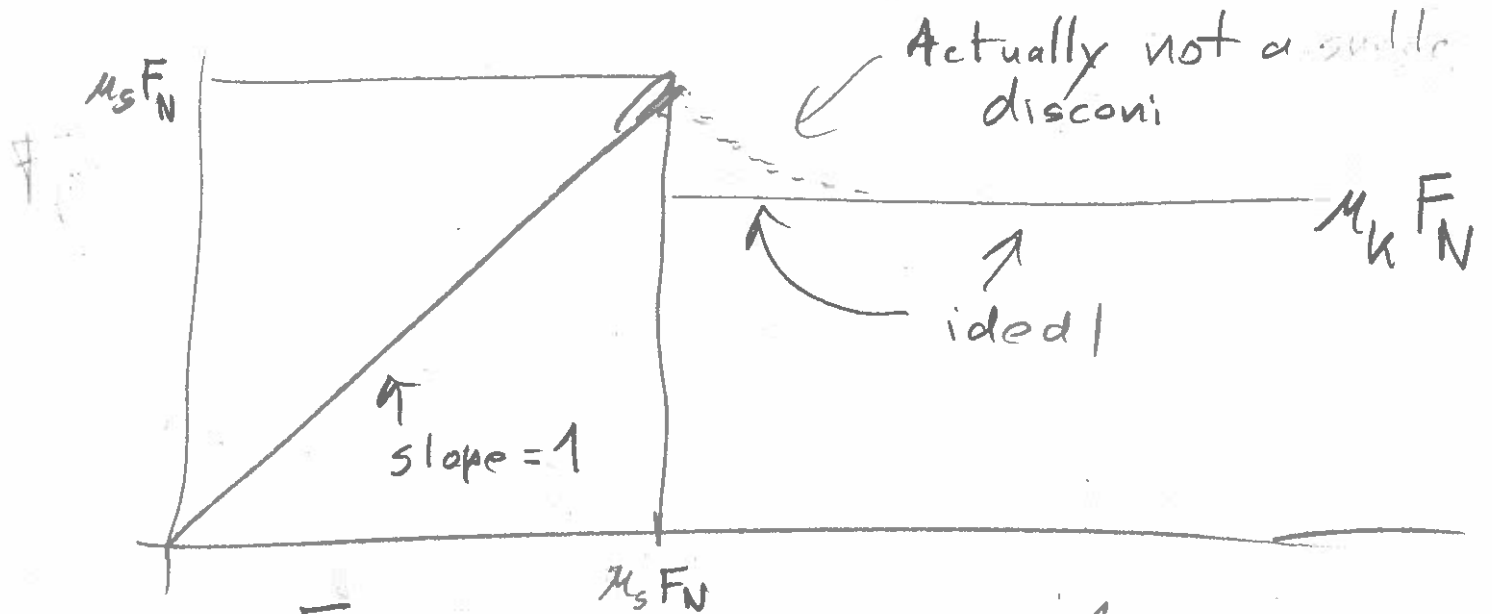
Magnitude $F_{\text{friction}} = \mu_k F_{\text{Normal}}$

Vector F_{friction} points opposite direction of motion.

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Plot of Friction



Applied Force

Time

Velocity

Change in
independent
variable

$$\mu_k < \mu_s \text{ usually}$$

Reason: once sliding starts
some chemical bonding can't
occur. The bonding decreases
for a while as F_{applied} increases, but
reaches a floor

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Of course

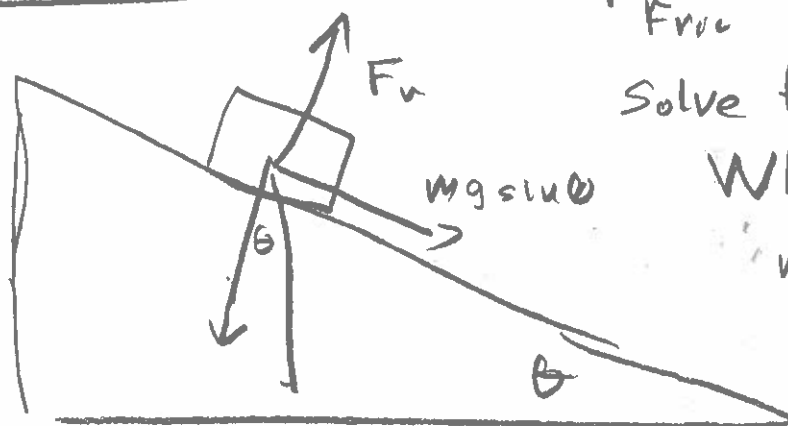
μ_s and μ_k

are dependant on
both materials
at the interface

and there are approximate
though they work
very well very often

Exactly true maybe in
very extreme limit?

Example



$$F_{Fric} = mg \sin \theta \leq \mu_s mg \cos \theta$$

Solve for sliding angle?

When an equality

$$mg \sin \theta = \mu_s mg \cos \theta$$

$$\tan \theta = \mu_s$$

$$\theta_{\text{slide}} = \tan^{-1}(\mu_s)$$

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For example

for Wood on Wood

$$\mu_s = 0.5$$

$$\theta_{\text{slide}} = \tan^{-1}(\mu_s) = \tan^{-1}(0.5)$$

≈ 0.5 radians applying

$$= 0.5 \text{ rad} \left(\frac{60^\circ}{\text{radian}} \right)$$

$$= 30^\circ$$

small
angle

approximation

$$\tan \theta \approx \theta$$

Above θ_{slide}

$$ma = mgsin\theta - \mu_k mg \cos\theta$$

taking downhill

as positive

$$a = g(\sin\theta - \mu_k \cos\theta)$$

$$g \cos\theta_{\text{slide}} (\mu_s - \mu_k)$$

$$g \text{ for } \theta = 90^\circ$$

{ An ideal
knife edge
case
 $\theta = \theta_{\text{slide}}$

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Appendix A

Recapitulation of
the generalized
Newton's 2nd law
and the Rocket problem

